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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 15, 2003, under 37 CFR1.111 in connection with the above-captioned application. The Office Action has been carefully reviewed, and the following response offered in attempt to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks is courteously requested.

Claims 18-23, 25 and 26 remain pending. Claims 1-17 and 24 were previously cancelled. Please amend the captioned application as follows: